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## **Subsistence meeting focuses on East Alaska plan**

GLENNALLEN – At the request of the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, the Bureau of Land Management will host a special session of the Council on July 27, 2005, to discuss, take testimony and offer recommendations for the Draft East Alaska Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). The Council will focus on potential impacts to subsistence as identified in the RMP/EIS in compliance with Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The meeting will be held in the Kluti-Kaah Memorial Hall in Copper Center at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend and provide oral testimony for the Council to consider in developing their recommendations.

The Draft East Alaska RMP/EIS will make decisions on controversial issues including possible revocations of withdrawals made pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (d-1 withdrawals). One of the alternatives being considered, though it is not the preferred alternative, proposes revoking public land order (PLO) 5150, which withdrew the corridor containing the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Revocation of PLO 5150 would make 438,000 acres of Federal land available for conveyance to the State of Alaska. If conveyed, the corridor would no longer be under the jurisdiction of the Federal Subsistence Management Program. This potential change in jurisdiction is generating concern among local subsistence users. The preferred alternative would maintain Federal ownership within the corridor.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the Draft East Alaska RMP/EIS, contact the BLM Glennallen Field Office at 907-822-3217. For questions related to subsistence management issues on BLM-managed lands, contact subsistence coordinator Taylor Brelsford at 907-271-5806.

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